

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in an application entitled "UNIVERSALLY ATTACHABLE STEP RUG" the specification of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims.

I hereby state further that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above pursuant to 37 CFR §1.67(a).

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, including such information which occurred between the filing date of the above identified prior application and the present date.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

Number: None

Country:

Day, Month and Year filed:

Priority Claimed: \_\_\_ yes X no

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint: C. Robert von Hellens, Reg. No. 25,714; William C. Cahill, Reg. No. 19,742; and Marvin A. Glazer, Reg. No. 28,801 as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

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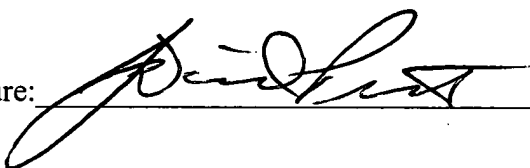
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